1986, under the caption "Janta Ke Gas Cylinder Hotelon Main";

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make a thorough inquiry into the whole affairs and punish the guilty persons/dealers involved in such malpractices; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take to prevent the recurrence of such incidents to save the domestic consumers from avoidable harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) and (c) To prevent diversion of LPG cylinders meant for domestic users to non-domestic users the oil industry is colour banding non-domestic cylinders. The oil industry has also proposed to introduce Consumer Cards shortly in a phased manner to facilitate delivery of refills to authorised consumers on the rolls of the oil companies. It has also been proposed by the oil companies to introduce 19 Kg. cylinders for non-domestic use. Periodical inspections of non-domestic consumers' premises are also being undertaken to check whether any domestic gas cylinders are being diverted for non-domestic use. Appropriate action will be taken against any distributor found involved in any such diversions as per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Telecommunication deal with South Korea

*168. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2906 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the details of the deal in question;

(b) what amount was spent on the negotiations of the deal; and

(c) what precise aspects were probed into by the vigilance and what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) It is learnt that the matter has been taken to the High Court of Delhi and as such is sub-judice.

It will not, therefore, be in public interest to disclose further details at this stage.

New Industries in Madhya Pradesh

*169. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for setting up new industries in Madhya Pradesh submitted by the State Government, are under the Central Government's consideration, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) how long does it normally take either to clear or to reject such proposals by the Central Government; and

(c) for how long the proposals mentioned at (a) above have been pending with the Central Government and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A time limit of 60 to 90 days have been prescribed for disposal of various categories of applications for grant of industrial approvals.

(c) Does not arise.